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1. ON 16 JAN APPROX 1900 HRS A BOMB/GRENADE WAS EXPLODED OUTSIDE THE MAIN OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK IN ASMARA. ATO AMBAYE IFTER, NORTHERN REGION MANAGER, SAID THE ONLY DAMAGE WAS A FEW BROKEN WINDOWS. AMBAYE HAD EARLIER SAID THAT THE WINDOWS OF THE GLASS AND STEEL STRUCTURE WERE BULLETPROOF. AMBAYE SAID THE BANK'S NIGHTGUARD HEARD A FEW SHOTS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE EXPLOSION. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

2. ON 20 JAN APPROX 1200 HRS THE 3RD BRIGADE, 1ST DIV, MINUS ONE BATTALION, LEFT ASMARA FOR KEREN. ACCORDING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE MMAG ADVISOR THEY ARE REPLACING THE 12TH BRIGADE/2ND DIV WHICH

IS RETURNING TO ASMARA. THE 3RD BRIGADE INCLUDES AN ARTILLERY BATTERY WITH FOUR 105 HOWITZERS. ANOTHER SOURCE REPORTS DESERTIONS FROM THE 3RD BRIGADE OVER THE PAST WEEK.

3. THE MORALE OF ERITREANS IN ASMARA HAS IMPROVED WITH THE ANNOUNCED RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE ELF AND PLF. ARMED FORCES' MORALE HAS CONVERSELY DROPPED. ETHIOPIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL IN ASMARA ARE RESTRICTED TO THE BASE AFTER 1800 HOURS.
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